To overcome the current serious recession and provide critical services to San Mateo residents, we <u>MUST</u> **VOTE YES ON MEASURE** #, which only applies to hotel guests and will **NOT** raise taxes for residents.

We are in the midst of a major recession and although some parts of our economy like retail are hurting, other parts like the tech sector remain strong. For this reason, San Mateo residents should vote **YES ON MEASURE** # - the 2% increase to our Hotel Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). Many cities have a higher TOT and increasing ours will bring us in line with surrounding cities.

The economic fallout of coronavirus significantly hurt San Mateo's finances, with a nearly \$8 million deficit this year alone. The City has already made serious budget cuts. Without new funding, we could experience terrible cuts to critical services. Voting **YES ON MEASURE** # helps maintain services like 911 emergency response, street maintenance, traffic management, crime prevention, park improvements, and other vital services.

We MUST increase our Hotel Tax. This measure will NOT raise your taxes as a resident of San Mateo.

Measure # will help the City:

- Maintain streets, repair potholes, improve our infrastructure and enhance public facilities. If we don't take care of it now, it will be a lot more expensive to repair in the future.
- Provide fast emergency response times for 911 calls. Help ensure we have enough police officers, firefighters and paramedics to respond quickly and save lives.
- Enhance our parks and recreation facilities including courts, fields and playgrounds.
- Prepare for public health emergencies like coronavirus, as well as wildfires, natural disasters, and large-scale emergencies.

ALL of this money will remain local and help improve our quality of life. None of the funds can be taken by Sacramento politicians.

**VOTE YES! ON MEASURE #!**